drafted, they will constitute a document worthy of posterity. If we turn over the minutes of the reign of Louis XVI, we find only chatter. The little slips our jurists make must not appear in ours, for during protracted sessions inattention may occur at times. As for me, a man of the sword and of finance, not a jurist but a legislator, my opinions matter little. In an argument I may say things that fifteen minutes later I disapprove; but I do not wish to be made to appear any better than I am.

The woman owes obedience to her husband. The civil magistrate should have a formula covering the woman's oath of obedience and faithfulness. She must be instructed that on passing out of the care of her family she enters under that of her husband. The civil magistrate celebrates marriage without any solemnity, which is too arid. There should be some moral appeal; — look at the priests.

(A Councillor of State: Did the old laws prescribe obedience ?)

The angel declared it to Adam and Eve. In the marriage ceremony it was said in Latin, so the woman understood nothing. But the word is well suited to Paris, where the women think they can do what they like. I don't say that it will have any effect on all of them, but it will on some.